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EUCOM leader embraces eastward shift

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STUTTGART, Germany — The commander of the U.S. European Command is pressing forward with a plan that could radically alter the way U.S. troops are stationed across Europe.

The plan would mean a general movement away from housing U.S. troops in western European countries such as Germany and the United Kingdom, and to countries in eastern Europe, such as the Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Poland — and even Africa.

Marine Gen. James Jones cited Eagle Camp in Bosnia and Herzegovina and a large Marine military base on Okinawa, Japan, as examples of how bases in Europe might operate in the future. In those locations, entire units rotate in from the States for six to seven months at a time.

The changes “are not revolutionary, but evolutionary,” he said.

Jones, who also is the supreme allied commander-Europe, said that as he visits each NATO country in the upcoming months, he will discuss the idea of creating U.S. bases in Europe that can deploy troops faster and are more economical and easier to operate than the current configuration.

The concept, Jones predicted, should be palatable to NATO countries.

Already, Jones has written to his counterpart in Russia, which falls under EUCOM’s area of responsibility, about the possible changes.

The transformation timetable is not set, Jones said, but the “embryonic” process that will decide how the U.S. military will look overseas will be completed in years, not decades.

The transformation would require fewer permanent facilities in Europe. There is no list of bases that Jones or others working on this concept would like to see closed, he said.

“It’s not that level of work ... we’re still getting there,” he said.

He also said that he sees a general movement away from housing U.S. troops in western European countries in favor of eastern European countries.

Parts of Africa, which also fall under EUCOM’s area of responsibility, also are areas that could be examined for a U.S. presence, he said.

To illustrate his point, Jones pointed to Eagle Base and Okinawa — which Marines use as a forward operating base — as possible role models for future military operations.

Military units at both bases can quickly rotate in and out, and they rely upon equipment left behind by the departing unit, he said.

Those bases have no permanent family housing, hospitals and schools, because the troops — except for permanent personnel — don’t bring their families, he said.

The military should not be making “mini-Americas,” he said.

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With the sun at your back



MARK BUCHER/Courtesy of U.S. Air Force

A pair of Navy F/A-18 Hornets patrol over the eastern Mediterranean Sea in the early mornings. The two, from one of the aircraft carriers in the area, were refueled by a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 100th Air Refueling Wing, based at RAF Mildenhall, England. The refuelers are deployed in the Mediterranean region in support of the war on terrorism.

New commander for Kitty Hawk

TOKYO — Aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, in the Persian Gulf as part of intensified U.S. efforts to disarm Iraq, has been placed under a new commander, a Navy spokesman said Monday.

Capt. Thomas Parker replaced acting commander Capt. Robert Barbaree in a ceremony aboard the 81,123-ton vessel on Thursday, said U.S. Navy spokesman Jon Nylander.

Barbaree took over temporary stewardship of the flattop in September when its former commander, Capt. Thomas Hejl, was transferred to an administrative posting after his vessel struck a buoy, causing damage, then later failed an engineering assessment.

The Kitty Hawk’s home port is Yokosuka, just south of Tokyo.

From The Associated Press

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Jones said technological improvements now enable a company of infantry soldiers in the 21st century to do what a battalion of soldiers did in the 20th century, and headquarters elements don't need to be so large.

The military "will no longer be tied to the fixed stockpiles of logistics," he said.

Any new base structure would be defined by "light ability, mobility [and] sustainability," he said.

Jones made his remarks at a briefing with about 20 reporters from German, Italian and American media outlets at EUCOM headquarters in Stuttgart.

He made similar comments in February during a conference in Munich.

The topic is being discussed by members of U.S. Congress and recently gained momentum as some lawmakers seized on the concept of pulling forces from Europe — particularly Germany, where most American troops are based — as a way to "punish" allies for not backing the United States in its stance on Iraq.

Jones said the base transformation plan that he and others are pursuing has no link to political tensions between the United States and Germany, though he added that political climate could speed up the process.

Jones said he expects to appear in March at four congressional hearings at which he expects "transformation" to be on the agenda.

About 57,000 soldiers and 74,000 family members are now based in Germany. Including the family housing areas, commissaries, schools and other support facilities, the Army serves as landlord to some 22,000 buildings and 239 installations across Europe, according to an Army fact sheet.

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States

Jury selection in Kopp trial: Scores of potential jurors gathered at the Buffalo, N.Y., courthouse Monday to begin the lengthy process of choosing a panel to decide the fate of James Kopp, the onetime fugitive who admits shooting an abortion doctor to death.

Some 160 potential jurors were called Monday to go through orientation and fill out questionnaires.

Kopp is charged in the death of obstetrician Dr. Barnett Slepian in October 1998.

Foam in question at R.I. club: Town building and fire inspectors who visited The Station in West Warwick, R.I., over the past three years never reported seeing a highly flammable foam that had been placed on the walls as soundproofing, documents released Monday showed.

The polyurethane foam was placed on the walls shortly after Jeffrey and Michael Derderian bought the club in 2000 after neighbors complained of noise.

Attorney General Patrick Lynch is leading a grand jury investigation into a fire that destroyed the club and killed nearly 100 people.

No relief from drought: A University of Arizona researcher says the drought parching the West may stick around for decades.

Data from tree rings and Pacific and Atlantic ocean temperatures indicate that the Great Plains, the Rockies and the Southwest may be in the midst of one of several episodic droughts that have occurred for at least 750 years.

Julio Betancourt, a U.S. Geological Survey scientist and UA professor, said data taken over the past 100 years show prolonged drought is linked to sea surface temperatures not only in the tropical Pacific, but also in the North Atlantic.

St. Patrick's parade: Mayor Michael Bloomberg marched Sunday in a gay-inclusive St. Patrick's Day parade in Queens, delighting organizers who say they have been unfairly banned from the much larger Irish celebration in Manhattan.

Bloomberg also plans to take part in the March 17 parade along Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. Gays are barred from marching under their own banner in that parade, as many other groups do.

World

Arrest sought in subway fire: Prosecutors in South Korea reportedly sought an arrest warrant Monday for a train conductor who left his passengers trapped behind locked doors during a subway fire that killed 198.

The Yonhap news agency said authorities intend to charge the conductor with negligent manslaughter, which carries a maximum of five years in prison.

The Feb. 18 blaze began in a six-car train at a subway station in the city of Taegu, then spread to a second train that arrived minutes later. Most of those who died were in the second train because they could not get out.

EU expand: European Union officials said Monday they were confident 10 candidate countries aiming to join the EU in 2004 would approve their bids in national referendums despite growing popular skepticism.

The first EU accession referendum, scheduled for Saturday in Malta, is expected to be a test of public sentiment for the recently negotiated accession treaties — offering billions of dollars in aid to the new members in exchange

for their opening markets and conforming to EU rules and regulations.

Fear of terrorist strike: Italian anti-terrorism experts scrambled Monday to determine the possible target of two suspected Red Brigades fugitives involved in a deadly shootout with police, amid fears the far-left group was preparing to strike again.

The Red Brigades, which terrorized Italy in the 1970s and '80s with attacks on politicians, businessmen and military officials, resumed killings a few years ago.

On Sunday, after a gunfire exchange on a train about 50 miles south of Florence, police arrested Red Brigades member Nadia Desdemona Lioce, 43. Her companion, Mario Galesi, 37, died after surgery for his wounds.

Fence for Bethlehem: The U.S. state department is questioning Israel's plan to build a security fence that would cut off part of Bethlehem, an Israeli official said Monday.

Israel's government has ordered construction of a fence around Jerusalem that would include Rachel's Tomb, a Jewish religious site at the northern edge of the West Bank town of Bethlehem.

Palestinians complain that since the tomb is in their territory, the fence would cut hundreds of Palestinian residents off from their town.

Extension requested in Milosevic trial: With Slobodan Milosevic's trial already in its second year, prosecutors asked the U.N. war crimes tribunal in the Netherlands on Monday for a lengthy extension of their deadline to present their case against the former Yugoslav president.

Prosecutor Geoffrey Nice said the prosecution would need 200 more trial days to present evidence supporting the 66 charges against Milosevic, including genocide, allegedly committed during the breakup of Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

The trial, which began Feb. 12, 2002, has held 162 sessions so far, in one of the most complex cases ever tried under international criminal law.

The three-judge panel has set a deadline of May 16 for the prosecution to wind up.

Hamas founder arrested: Israeli troops raiding a Gaza refugee camp arrested a Hamas founder Monday, targeting the political leadership of the Islamic militant group for the first time in 29 months of fighting.

Troops blew up four homes in the Bureij camp, including that of Hamas co-founder Mohammed Taha, 65, who was wounded in clashes with the army, it said.

Taha's five sons — all senior Hamas activists — were also arrested. One son, Ayman, who was also wounded Monday, is the assistant of the top Hamas bombmaker and top on Israel's wanted list, Mohammed Deif, the army said.

War on terrorism

Prison takes terror suspects: The U.S. military has moved 20 terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, into a new medium-security prison block that is still under construction, an official said Monday.

Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, a military spokesman, said the new camp, to be finished in early spring, offers rewards for cooperative prisoners including dormitories for communal living, more books and additional showers and recreation time — beyond the twice-weekly 15 minutes of exercise allowed in the high-security prison.

Iran halts searches in Iraq: Iran has halted search operations for the re-

mains of its troops missing from its 1980-88 war with Iraq because of the possible U.S. war on Baghdad, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Military official Mirfeisal Baqerzadeh was quoted as saying Monday that officials from both Gulf states have decided that due to "the possibility of a U.S. attack against Iraq, Iranian teams [will] stop their search operations inside Iraq and leave the Iraqi territory."

The eight-year war between the two neighbors left about a million soldiers dead or wounded on both sides.

U.S. Embassy in Kenya: A brand-new airy but heavily fortified U.S. Embassy was inaugurated Monday, 4½ years after a terrorist bomb ripped through the former chancery in the heart of Nairobi, killing 219 people, including 12 Americans.

The new embassy is the first U.S. mission to be built from scratch since Congress authorized funds to upgrade diplomatic missions around the world after the Aug. 7, 1998, bombing.

A second new embassy was to be dedicated Tuesday in neighboring Tanzania where a nearly simultaneous attack on the old mission there killed 12 people and injured 80.

Anti-war protest: More than 6,000 Japanese formed the human letters "No War" in a park Sunday in western Japan during a rally against a possible U.S.-led attack on Iraq.

Gathering in Hiroshima, which was devastated by a U.S. atomic bomb in the closing days of World War II, the chanting protesters carried brightly colored "We Love Peace" placards.

They filed peacefully under blue skies to spell out the words, "No War No DU" — the latter a reference to depleted uranium, a slightly radioactive heavy metal used by U.S. aircraft in munitions during bombings in the 1991 Gulf War.

British Iraq debate: A Labor Party lawmaker said Sunday that "a lot more" legislators will join a rebellion against the government if Britain participates in a U.S.-led war on Iraq without United Nations approval.

On Wednesday, 199 lawmakers — including 122 from Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labor Party — backed a House of Commons motion calling the case for war "unproven." It was the biggest revolt Blair has faced since Labor was elected with a big majority in 1997, though the government still got 393 votes to defeat it.

Charity arrests: A state prison chaplain charged with helping to illegally send money to Iraq was suspended from his job indefinitely Sunday.

Corrections Department spokesman James Flateau said Osameh Al Wahidi returned to work Sunday at Auburn Correctional Facility, reported his arrest on the federal charges and immediately was suspended without pay from his \$57,140-a-year job.

Federal prosecutors charged Al Wahidi and three other men on Wednesday with conspiring to violate U.S. economic sanctions against Iraq through a charity called Help the Needy.

Iraq bombed: U.S. warplanes patrolling a no-fly zone over southern Iraq reported coming under anti-aircraft artillery fire and responded by attacking four military communications facilities and one air defense facility, officials said Monday.

Central Command said in a statement that the attacks happened on Sunday.

Central Command said Sunday's attacks were ordered after Iraqi forces fired anti-aircraft artillery at U.S. and British planes.

From The Associated Press

France, China, Russia push Iraq to disarm peacefully

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

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UNITED NATIONS — France, Russia and China called Monday for Iraq to comply fully with the demands of U.N. weapons inspectors and disarm peacefully, while the United States and Britain sought support for a U.N. resolution to wage war against Baghdad.

The five veto-holding powers on the Security Council are so divided over the resolution that there's no talk of compromise, just intensive lobbying by the rival camps ahead of a vote that Washington and London have said they want in mid-March.

French President Jacques Chirac, whose country has led the opposition to a rush to war, said inspectors must have the time needed to get rid of Iraq's nuclear, chemical, biological and long-range missile programs.

"But Iraq must cooperate more, more actively," he said during a visit to Algeria. "Together and in peace, we must keep strong pressure on it to attain the objective we have set: the elimination of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq."

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov said Monday that Iraq's destruction of some of its Al Samoud 2 missiles were "a graphic example of Iraq's more active cooperation."

He called a 13-page report to the council Friday by chief weapons inspector Hans Blix a "balanced document" that confirms progress in disarming Iraq, and he urged Baghdad to cooperate "more actively," according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

China's foreign ministry stressed Monday that "China has been making the utmost effort to avoid war," according to the official Xinhua news agency.

But at the same time, foreign ministry spokesman Kong Quan said Sunday that "Iraq should implement the U.N. resolutions strictly, fully and conscientiously. It should not possess weapons of mass destruction."

On the opposing side, the United States and Britain insist that Iraq has squandered its last chance to disarm peacefully.

"Iraq is not cooperating. ... They continue to fundamentally not disarm," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday.

In Stockholm, former chief inspector Rolf Ekeus said the current inspectors have put too much emphasis on the country's older weapons program instead of more recent developments from 1998 to 2002 "when there were no weapons inspectors in the country."

While the United States continues its military build-up in the Persian Gulf, the Bush administration is also continuing preparations for a post-war Iraq.

Ret. Army Lt. Gen. Jay M. Garner, head of a Pentagon-based office to assess Iraq's resources and be ready to help it rebuild, met U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Louise Frechette on Monday with his team of U.S. humanitarian and reconstruction experts.

Frechette has been coordinating U.N. efforts to plan for humanitarian and reconstruction problems in event of a war.

With the clock ticking toward a vote, many of the nonpermanent Security Council members want supporters and opponents of military action to compromise.

Chile last week urged the five permanent members to reach an agreement on Iraq, saying it was wrong to leave the decision to the 10 council members elected who serve two-year terms.

"Chile does not want war," Chilean President Ricardo Lagos said Monday. "But we want that, within a brief and clearly set deadline, Iraq destroy its arms of mass destruction as demanded by the United Nations, as demanded by the world."

But the United States sees no reason to compromise, diplomats said.

President Bush believes that previous U.N. resolutions already give the United States authority to attack Iraq. Diplomats said Washington is only interested in authorization for a new war and won't back down on the resolution, saying the president is prepared to fight with a coalition of willing nations.

The United States still doesn't have the nine "yes" votes needed to adopt the resolution, according to supporters and opponents of the measure. And even if it gets the nine votes, France and Russia have not ruled out using their vetoes. China is considered unlikely to veto the resolution though it could abstain.

On the other side, France, Russia and Germany also refuse to talk about a compromise — only about new efforts to strengthen weapons inspections and thwart a war.

Saddam ouster idea fails in Gulf

BY ANWAR FARUQI

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Gulf countries long convinced Saddam Hussein is a threat to regional stability have broken ranks with other Arabs and publicly called for the Iraqi president to go into exile.

Iraq scoffed at the proposal. Out loud, most Arab states question the ethics of regime change in Baghdad. But Arab diplomats privately say the idea of getting Saddam to step down is, at the least, considered worth discussing.

In a letter to a weekend Arab summit in Egypt, the Emirates' widely respected president, Sheik Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, became the first Arab leader to say for the record what until now had only been whispered in closed-door government meetings and debated in coffeehouses around the Arab world: Saddam should step down and go into exile to spare his people and the region.

The king of Bahrain said he backs the call for Saddam to go, according to the Emirates state news agency. Kuwait's Cabinet also backed the measure, the official Kuwaiti news agency said.

Bahrain is home to the Navy's 5th Fleet and the Marine Corps' Marine Forces Central Command, as well as a growing contingent of allied forces, including British warships. More than 4,000 sailors and Marines are stationed in the island nation where U.S. ships make regular port calls.

Following a cool reception in Egypt — Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said the issue wasn't regime change, but ensuring through U.N. inspections that Iraq is disarmed — the Emirates raised it again at a meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Doha, Qatar.

Council members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the Emirates said Monday they could not endorse the proposal without pan-Arab backing.

Also on Monday, Iraq figured high on the agenda in a joint meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council and the European Union in Doha.

For now, the EU is staying out of the debate over whether Saddam should leave, said an EU diplomat.

French hold rally to support Americans

BY PAMELA SAMPSON
The Associated Press

PARIS — The gratitude that Claire Gold has for the Americans who helped liberate France from the Nazis runs so deep that she still feels indebted to the United States, 59 years later.

That is why Gold, now 75, braved a bitterly cold Sunday evening to join about 250 other French men, women and children holding a pro-American demonstration at the Place de la Concorde, not far from the U.S. Embassy.

Gold was a 17-year-old Jew living in Paris when the French capital was liberated on Aug. 25, 1944 — the day she took off the yellow star she was forced to wear. Her father was not so lucky — he had been stripped of his citizenship and deported to Auschwitz, where he died. Gold believes she would have shared the same fate had the Americans not arrived when they did.

"I have been pro-American since the liberation," Gold said.

"I always have been, and I always will be for the Americans."

These days, however, most French do not express the same enthusiasm for the United States, at least not for President Bush and his efforts to assemble an international military coalition to attack Iraq.

In contrast to Sunday's small demonstration, tens of thousands of French took to the streets on Feb. 15 as part of anti-war protests in dozens of cities around the world. Opinion polls overwhelmingly show the French against using military force in order to disarm Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"I am here, against what most French students are doing, because they have forgotten Sept. 11," said Leslie Benaroch, 20, of Paris. "Saddam Hussein supports terrorism."

U.S.: Mohammed was plotting more attacks

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was actively plotting attacks against commercial sites in the United States and targets in the Arabian peninsula, U.S. counterterrorism officials said Monday.

Intelligence about Mohammed's activities led in part to the orange alert that lasted most of February, said these officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Some of the concerns we had that caused us to raise the threat level were attributable to the planning he was involved in," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge told reporters Monday.

"There were multiple reasons that we raised the threat level and his relation to one of the plot lines was one of the several."

According to a report on The Washington Times Web site, terrorists linked to al-Qaida have targeted U.S. military facilities in Pearl Harbor, including nuclear-powered submarines and ships.

The Times said that intelligence reports about the terrorist threat to the Hawaiian harbor bombed by the Japanese in World War II were sent to senior U.S. officials in the past two weeks and coincided with

reports of the planning of a major attack by Osama bin Laden's terrorist group. Officials said the reports were one of the reasons that led to the recent heightened security threat alert that has since been lowered.

According to officials familiar with the reports, al-Qaida is planning an attack on Pearl Harbor because of its symbolic value and because its military facilities are open from the air, the Times said.

The Times reported that the attacks would be carried out by hijacked airliners from nearby Honolulu International Airport that would be flown into submarines or ships docked at Pearl Harbor in suicide missions, said officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"The targeting includes nuclear ships and submarines and military facilities in the Pearl Harbor area," a defense official said.

The harbor is the home for 30 Navy and Coast Guard warships, including 18 nuclear submarines, five destroyers and two frigates.

An additional terrorist target is said to be Hickam Air Force Base, located next to Honolulu airport and less than five miles from Pearl Harbor, the Times reported. Warplanes, transports and re-

fueling tankers are based there.

Authorities recovered a huge amount of information about al-Qaida at the house in Pakistan where Mohammed and two others were arrested early Saturday, a senior law enforcement official said Monday.

This includes computers, disks, cell phones and documents that authorities believe will provide names, locations and potential terrorist plots of al-Qaida cells in the United States and around the world and possibly, the group's finances.

Mohammed's interrogators — whether from the CIA, FBI or from a foreign security service — are working against the clock. His information about impending terrorist operations and the location of al-Qaida leaders and cells grows more dated by the hour.

Whether the CIA can learn anything useful from the alleged Sept. 11 mastermind depends on the skills and methods of the interrogators, Mohammed's willingness to talk and perhaps simply time.

Of top priority during the questioning is gaining intelligence that could help quickly disrupt attacks being planned or lead to added precautions, American counterterrorism officials said.

Philippines: Options mulled after U.S. plan derailed

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines and the United States are looking at other options after failing to agree on the deployment of U.S. troops that could be drawn into combat against the Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf, the Philippine defense secretary said Monday.

Returning from talks in Washington with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and

other officials, Angelo Reyes said both sides agreed to "consider other options" than the planned deployment of more than 1,000 U.S. troops to help Filipino soldiers fight the Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf on southern Jolo island.

Options, Reyes told reporters, "does not only refer to the site, but might be in the complexion of the entire exercise."

Pentagon officials have described the Jolo deployment as "joint operations" that could draw Americans into combat.

The wording has caused an uproar in the Philippines, with newspapers, lawmakers and left-wing groups accusing the government of violating the constitution that bars foreign troops from combat.

The government insisted U.S. troops will only come to train and advise.

Udairi steps up safety measures after fire

BY STEVE LIEWER

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CAMP UDAIRI, Kuwait — The Camp Udairi dining facility served burgers to 8,000-plus soldiers Monday night, less than 36 hours after an inferno consumed the post's five chow hall tents.

Col. Pete Bosse, the camp mayor, said the fire is believed to have been started by a halogen lamp placed too close to the tent wall in the northernmost tent by a contract worker.

The lamps are known to burn very hot, and the tent's walls are flammable.

"[The workers] could actually see it turn brown and start to combust," Bosse said.

Two of them rushed back with pans of water to try to douse the flames, but it was too late. Two chaplains and several worshippers from a just-completed Protestant service fled, as did about 60 Army cooks and food-service contractors.

No one was hurt.

Bosse has ordered several new safety measures, including the addition of extra fire extinguishers in the tents. Other measures include keeping at least two entrances, and some units are adding round-the-clock fire patrols.

Regulations barring smoking within 50 feet of tents are being rigidly enforced.

Lt. Col. Mike Barbee, commanding officer of the 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, from Illesheim, Germany, has moved his unit's smoking area 100 meters away.

Safety officers also are stepping up tent inspections to make sure electrical outlets aren't overloaded. Some soldiers are taking extra steps on their own.

"We have a lot of soldiers sleeping with their knives so if a fire does erupt, they've got their own way out," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Will Chance, safety officer for the

Illesheim-based 11th Aviation Regiment.

Given the inherent dangers of the desert tent cities, Bosse said it is imperative that fires never start.

"We need to be more concerned with saving lives than putting out fires," he said.

The ashes had not even cooled Sunday before Army engineers rolled in with bulldozers and dump trucks, hauling away the rubble. They worked through the night, and by Monday morning, only rocks and sand lay at the site of the blaze.

The local contractor brought in two new trailer-kitchens and put up temporary tents. Bosse said a new permanent chow hall — a metal clamshell-shaped building similar to the helicopter hangars now at the base — should be up in about three weeks. It already is en route from Bahrain.

"It will be a better structure, sturdier," said Chief

Warrant Officer 2 Stephanie Adams, the dining facility's officer in charge. "Something bad happened, and we get something good out of it."

Base officials are hoping the fire's other silver lining will be waking soldiers up to the fire danger in these desert camps.

The tents most soldiers live in are leased from Kuwaiti contractors. They are treated with a water-repellant chemical that is highly flammable.

"It was like they were doused in gasoline," said Sgt. Nicholas Vara, 22, a 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment chaplain's assistant who left the church tent just ahead of the flames.

Sgt. Brady Brever, chief of the 336th Engineer Detachment/Firefighters, a Wisconsin-based reserve unit serving at Camp Udairi, said tests have shown fire can consume one of the tents in just 21 seconds.

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Ground Zero left mark on deployed Air Cargo 8 members

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AN AIR BASE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION — For some servicemembers deployed here, the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, was a local affair.

Members of Air Cargo 8, a detachment with the Navy Reserves in New Jersey, were on the scene at Ground Zero within hours or days to help with the recovery and rescue effort from the wreckage of the World Trade Center.

"A Bruce Willis movie, but 100 times worse," said Petty Officer 2 Frankie Alvarez in describing the scene confronting the New York City police officer, who arrived hours after the planes struck.

Alvarez was put to work trying to find survivors among thousands of tons of rubble.

"By the second or third day, you could smell the dead bodies," he said.

At this deployed location, which cannot be named because of political sensitivities inside the host nation, the unit established a base to move mail and cargo to and from the carrier groups now floating in the Mediterranean Sea. Both the Harry S. Truman and Theodore Roosevelt are on the scene.

Among the deployed reservists who took part in the rescue and recovery efforts at Ground Zero, were several from New York City.

"The biggest thing that had an effect on me was how everybody came together," recalled Petty Officer 2 Edgar Severe. "Everybody respected the New York City police and fire departments."

Severe, a hospital lab technician, was called to provide security around the recovery effort, ensuring that only authorized people entered the site. He remembered how all those present would stop and remove their hats whenever the body of one of the police or firemen killed in the tragedy was recovered. "It was real touching," he said.

"It was definitely a privilege," he said of his days at the World Trade Center. "Everybody wants to help."

A few blocks from the site, an unused warehouse was turned into a supply depot for the recovery effort. Everything from food and water to gloves and masks was stored there to keep the operation moving.

Petty Officer 2 Christopher Cintron, who once worked in the World Trade Center, and Petty Officer 3 John Julian were

called up to work at the warehouse and shuttle needed supplies to the workers.

"It was just amazing. What used to be there was no longer there," said Julian, who works for the United Parcel Service.

"It makes you feel you were definitely worthwhile," said Cintron, who works in the finance office of a hospital. "I could have never done what Frankie did. So my effort was to make sure he was OK."

Alvarez was asked if any of the police officers lost in the center's collapse were friends.

"Yeah," he replied. "I lost a few friends."

One man, John Chipura, had been a Marine at the barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, that was blown up in 1983, killing 243 people. He had survived that and years as a police officer, Alvarez said. He died at the World Trade Center making his first call to a major fire as an NYC fireman.

The members of Air Cargo 8 don't expect this to be their last deployment. They know their lives will continue to revolve around events that day 18 months ago.

"I don't feel like I've been home since Sept. 11," Alvarez said.

Now, Cintron added, "It's a part of you."

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N. Korea defends right to build missile system

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SEOUL, South Korea — A week after test-firing a missile, North Korea said Monday that it had the right to develop and deploy missiles for self-defense and called its confrontation with the United States "extremely acute."

North Korea also criticized U.S.-South Korean military exercises scheduled to begin Tuesday, saying they were a preparation for war.

The North routinely makes such accusations whenever military drills are held in the South, but the rhetoric has been more bellicose recently because of tension over the North's nuclear development.

South Korea and its chief ally plan to hold an annual training exercise called Foal Eagle for a month. The United States keeps 37,000 soldiers in the South, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War.

Washington says the nuclear issue is not bilateral and involves all countries concerned about nuclear proliferation. The U.N. Security Council is expected to debate the issue.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency accused the United States and Japan, which is within range of North Korean missiles, of using the alleged threat from North Korea as a pretext to plot war against the communist country.

The U.S.-Japanese strategy comes "at a time when the DPRK-U.S. confrontation is getting extremely acute and a touch-and-go military situation is prevailing on the Korean Peninsula," KCNA said. DPRK stands for Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

North Korea said its missiles "can never be a threat to other countries" and Washington and Tokyo were using the North's missile program as an excuse to plan missile defense systems.

Castro offers to aid Korea negotiations

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Cuban leader Fidel Castro told Japan on Sunday he would help mediate with North Korea over its suspected nuclear weapons program, but said his country's capacity to resolve the growing crisis is limited.

Castro told Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi that Cuba is willing to do what it can to help, but that its influence is constrained because of limited direct contact with its communist ally in recent years, a Foreign Ministry official said on condition of anonymity.

He urged Japan to work with regional allies China, Russia and South Korea, saying that a concerted effort would likely lead to a resolution, the official said.

The United States, Cuba's longtime foe, was noticeably omitted from his advice. So far, North Korea has said that the crisis can be resolved through direct negotiations with Washington.

Japan has never established diplomatic ties with North Korea.

Missile exports are a major source of hard currency for impoverished North Korea.

U.S. officials have said they have no plans to invade North Korea, but they are growing increasingly concerned about the North's reactivation of a nuclear reactor that is part of a suspected weapons program. Washington believes Pyongyang already has one or two nuclear weapons.

AF academy rape scandal saddens Colo. community

BY ROBERT WELLER
The Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — As a song lamenting the fate of a wounded soldier plays on the VFW Post jukebox behind him, Bob Campbell talks with disgust in his voice of the treatment some young cadets say they've been getting from the Air Force Academy.

"I think it is terrible that these kinds of things can happen. It should be an honor to be there," the Vietnam veteran said of reports that female cadets were punished by the academy after reporting they had been raped or sexually assaulted by upperclassmen.

Across this spit-and-polish military town of 500,000, Campbell's sentiment echoes among the civilians as well as the military employees and retirees who make up more than a fifth of the population here.

"This is a terrible black mark on the academy," says retired Air Force Col. Dick Rauschkolb, who directed the office of enrollment programs at the academy. "We want the best and brightest here to come here."

Since late January, at least 22 female cadets have said they were ostracized or reprimanded for minor infractions after they reported being raped by upperclassmen. The Air Force is conducting investigations and at least four senators have called for an outside investigation, which Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper has said he would welcome.

At Colorado Spring's primary rape and crisis center, counselors have helped 22 alleged rape or assault victims from the academy, said Cari Davis, the center's executive director.

She said many of them are afraid to complain for fear they'll lose their chances to advance in the military.

"If you want to be a fighter pilot, you don't have any other options," she said.

Two female cadets, both members of a voluntary group set up to help victims of assaults, said the students at the academy work together to overcome gender barriers. About 4,000 cadets a year train at the academy, created in 1954. It opened its doors to the first female cadets in 1976.

Army wants chemical detection technology

ARLINGTON, Va. — The chicken test is, well, for the birds.

The Army won't be employing the same method U.S. Marines in Kuwait had used to help detect the presence of chemical agents — using chickens to warn of poisonous gases.

One reason: Small animals require about 10 times the exposure humans do to be affected, so by the time the already-nervous fowl cry foul, it's too late, said Army Brig. Gen. Stephen Reeves, program executive officer for the Defense Department's chemical and biological defense programs. And their feathers act as a protective barrier against some agents that could harm humans.

So instead, the Army is going with measures such as the Joint Service lightweight integrated suit technology overgarment and the hand-held joint chemical agent detector.

The U.S. military has developed 19 new systems since the Persian Gulf war, from better protective suits to new detection, collection and reconnaissance devices. The new technology has been tested and proven effective.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 soldiers trained in nuclear, biological and chemical warfare have graduated from a variety of sessions taught at the Army Chemical School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. — boosting the Army's force of trained NBC specialists in the active, Reserve and Guard force to more than 15,000, said Col. Thomas Spoeher, commander of the 3rd Chemical Brigade.

From staff reports

Misawa earns award

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The naval air facility earned its second Chief of Naval Operations environmental award in the past two years, said Paul Teasley, NAF's environmental director.

Teasley lauded Misawa's Air Force and Navy leadership for providing total support to the environmental effort here.

"A big part is convincing our Navy and Air Force leadership to implement and maintain environmental efforts," that "allowed us to be successful," he said. "It's a partnership because it just makes good sense."

Company named best

TAEGU, South Korea — About a month ago, the Army in Taegu began to seek new ways to keep protesters or other would-be intruders from getting into Camp Henry.

Welders narrowed installation gates' openings; workers removed some of the rungs from telephone poles nearest the walls to deny intruders footholds. And new concertina wire went in at key points atop perimeter walls.

A significant chunk of that job, including the concertina work, went to members of the Army's 32nd Korean Service Corps Company, part of the U.S. Army's noncombatant Korean Service Corps Battalion.

And recently, for its work in 2002, the Army named the 32nd KSC Company "the overall best" company among the 15 in its KSC Battalion.

To emerge the best in its battalion, the 32nd KSC Company competed against the other 14 companies in personnel management, safety, logistics, resource management and handling "common tasks" including first aid, map reading and familiarity with weapons.

Kim Po-sung, a mobilization specialist with the 32nd KSC Company, said he was "happy" his unit won the award. Of his KSC company being named "overall best company," he said, "I'm proud."

From staff reports

Judge turns down requests for media coverage in sniper trial

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT
The Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — A judge rejected news media requests Monday to allow still and television cameras in the courtroom for the trial of sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo.

"I am concerned with the possible prejudice to Mr. Malvo, whether still cameras or TV cameras," Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush said at a hearing.

She did approve a request from Fairfax County, Va., to allow a closed-circuit broadcast to an overflow courtroom for extra reporters and victims' families.

The prosecution objected only to a televised broadcast, while Malvo's lawyers opposed any cameras, including a closed-circuit broadcast.

Malvo, 18, and John Allen Muhammad, 42, have been accused of shooting 19 people — killing 13 and wounding six —

in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. No one was hit in another incident, in which a bullet struck a store window.

In all, the judge was expected to address 13 defense motions, including one claiming Virginia's death-penalty law is unconstitutionally vague.

Among the issues decided Monday morning, the judge approved the hiring at taxpayer expense of three investigators to help the defense, not the five requested by defense lawyer Michael Arif.

Roush also agreed to a defense request to limit the number of officers standing near Malvo during the trial, to avoid making the jury think Malvo posed an undue threat.

She rejected a defense request that potential jurors be interviewed individually, saying instead that they may be interviewed in groups of three.

Prosecutors were dismiss-

ive of the defense claims. The defense argument against the death-penalty law "can best be described as sixty-eight pages of diatribe against the Supreme Court of Virginia," Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. said. "It cites surprisingly few Virginia cases and then only to tell us how wrong they are."

Prosecutors had earlier responded to defense requests for information by releasing new details of their case against Malvo.

Their response last week revealed that Malvo implicated Muhammad as an equal partner in the shootings, with Muhammad acting as a spotter and calling off shots.

They also said Malvo has made multiple confessions to pulling the trigger in some of the shootings, including the Oct. 14 shooting of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, for which he is facing trial in Fairfax County.

Chief Moose faces an ethics review

BY STEPHEN MANNING
The Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md. — People still come up to Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose on the street, just to shake his hand or ask for an autograph. Shop owners tape up snapshots of themselves with Moose. Everywhere he goes, the chief is recognized.

However, the chief has found public attention has a different side: scrutiny of his actions, especially outside work stemming from the sniper investigation he headed.

To some extent, the chief has made his new fame work for him. He is writing a book due out this fall. Moose and his wife formed a crisis management consulting company called "Two Moose: A Caring Partnership."

But he may face a significant

hurdle for his plans. Moose's post-sniper activities may violate strict ethics laws that generally prohibit Montgomery County officials from profiting from their work.

Moose must get approval from the county's ethics commission for his outside work. The board was expected to meet Monday to review the book deal, consulting company, and a community college teaching post Moose has held for two years.

Ethicists say Moose finds himself in a familiar position for people suddenly and unexpectedly propelled into fame.

The public attention and flood of offers for speeches, from literary agents and others offering to help capitalize on fame, can easily overwhelm a person, said Vivian Weil, head of the Illinois Institute of Technology's Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions.

"You can understand someone being unsettled by it and even failing to pass it by the ethics board," Weil said. "To have clouded judgment — you can easily imagine that."

Moose has the backing of most county leaders, including County Executive Douglas Duncan. The executive called Moose's failure to get timely approval for the consulting and teaching work an oversight and said the chief should have a chance to tell his story through a book.

Moose did not respond to requests for comment, but his wife said in a recent interview that the couple expected the board to approve the consulting firm and Moose's other work.

"Everything is going to be looked at," Sandy Moose said. "The ethics commission has work to do. They'll do that work and we'll be fine."

Hard directions

CHICAGO — Instructions for installing child safety seats in cars are written in language too difficult for many adults to understand, researchers say.

Such manuals are written at a 10th-grade reading level on average, according to a new study, while data suggest that nearly a quarter of U.S. adults read at or below a fifth-grade level, and at least 25 percent read at about an eighth-grade level.

The findings are cause for concern because motor vehicle collisions are a leading cause of death and injury for infants and children. About 80 percent of car safety seats are improperly installed or misused, the study found.

The study was conducted by Dr. Mark Wegner and Deborah Girasek at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

Limiting sugar

LONDON — People should get no more than 10 percent of their calories from sugar, experts say in a major new report Monday on how to stem the global epidemic of obesity-linked diseases.

The food industry immediately decried the document, insisting more exercise is the key to ending obesity.

The report underlines what doctors have been saying for years — that along with regular exercise, a diet low in fatty, sugary and salty food is key to staying healthy.

The experts recommend one hour of daily exercise, double the amount recommended by the U.S. government but the same as that endorsed by other establishments.

But when it came to sugar, their advice was some of the boldest yet.

The experts said people should restrict their consumption of added sugar — meaning sugar not naturally present in honey, syrups and fruit juices — to below 10 percent of calories.

From wire reports

November 17 suspects go on trial

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Sitting behind bulletproof glass, 19 alleged members of Greece's deadliest terrorist group went on trial Monday for an era of violence that began with a 1970s effort to foment a Marxist revolution and later joined the fight against globalization.

The landmark trial against the once-impenetrable November 17 cell was another major step by Greek authorities to redeem a reputation tarnished by failure to stop the group for 28 years.

The group, which eluded police since its first attack in 1975, is suspected in more than 100 bombings, armed robberies and the killing of 23 people, including U.S., British and Turkish envoys.

Armed guards led the suspects, including the alleged leader, into the enclosure in a bunkerlike courtroom inside Greece's largest maximum-security prison.

More than 50 police officers stood watch over the suspects, who come from a cross-section of Greek society; they include laborers, a beekeeper and a French-born academic who is the alleged mastermind.

The witness list includes 333 people for the prosecution — including 44 foreigners — and 70 for the defense.

Relatives of November 17 victims were on hand, including Athens Mayor Dora Bakoyianni and British widow Heather Saunders.

Bakoyianni's husband Pavlos, a spokesman for the conservative New Democracy party, was killed in 1989.

November 17 was named after the date of a student-led uprising in 1973, which helped topple the military dictatorship. Its first victim was Richard Welch, the CIA station chief in Athens in 1975.

The group's manifestos — published in the Greek media — railed against a host of perceived injustices: alleged meddling in Greek affairs by the United States, erosion of Greek independence as a member of NATO and the European Union, and global links of finance and commerce. Over the years, it merged strong Marxist ideology with a shrill brand of patriotism.

Faces 'n' places

Writer of original 'Twist' dies

Hank Ballard, the singer and songwriter whose hit "The Twist" ushered a nationwide dance craze in the 1960s, has died.

Ballard, who was suffering from throat cancer, died Sunday at his home, friends said. Friend and caretaker **Anna Ayala** said Ballard's birth records indicate he was born in 1927, but biographical information lists his birthdate as 1936.

In 1958, Ballard wrote and recorded "The Twist," but it was only released on the "B" side of a record.

One year later, **Chubby Checker** debuted his own version of "The Twist" on **Dick Clark's Philadelphia** television show.

It soon topped the charts and launched a dance craze that prompted the creation of other Twist songs, including "Twist and Shout" by the **Isley Brothers** and "Twistin' the Night Away" by **Sam Cooke**.

Ballard was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990.

Ballard was born **John H. Kendricks** in Detroit.

Madonna turns children's author

Singer, actor, now writer — **Madonna** has taken up the pen.

Penguin Group announced Monday that the singer has written five illustrated story books for young readers age 6 and above.

The first title, "The English Roses," will be published in hardcover in September and distributed simultaneously worldwide, Penguin Group said.

"Madonna is an artist with a universal appeal and these books will touch children of all backgrounds everywhere in the world," said chairman and chief executive **John Mackson**.

Reagan holiday in Md.?

Republicans in the **Maryland** Senate are trying to win one for The Gipper.

A resolution in the heavily Democratic General Assembly would call on residents to recognize Feb. 6 as **Ronald Reagan Day**, celebrating the birthday of the 40th president and GOP icon.

The legislation is part of a national movement by the conservative Americans for Tax Reform. Already, 14 governors have issued proclamations for Ronald Reagan Day, and at least five other states have similar measures pending.

War fears halt filming

The start of production on "Mad Max: Fury Road" with **Mel Gibson** has been delayed by the possibility of military action against **Iraq**.

The fourth in the "Mad Max" series, which had been expected to begin filming in **Namibia** in July, now will go into production sometime in the fall, a 20th Century Fox spokeswoman said Friday.

Fox was looking at a summer 2004 release date, but the studio won't know if that's possible until it's known when work on the movie will start, said **Jim Gianopulos**, chairman of Fox Filmed Entertainment.

From wire reports

Woods beats Toms to complete World Slam

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — The idea behind the World Golf Championships was to bring together the best players from every tour on every continent.

Tiger Woods remains in a world all his own.

The final trophy in his collection of world titles came Sunday at La Costa when Woods captured the Match Play Championship with some dramatic moments that he could have done without.

Woods expected a gutsy comeback from David Toms.

What he never imagined was a bee landing in front of the hole and knocking a pivotal birdie putt off line. Equally surprising were his own mistakes under pressure, which made him toil longer than he wanted.

"This was one tough week," Woods said.

Next up: A two-week break.

Woods decided to skip the Dubai Desert Classic and \$2 million in appearance money, saying it was too close to Iraq and not safe enough for him to travel.

"Going overseas in this particular year, right now, especially in that part of the world, is a little tough for me," he said.

He finished off Toms on the 35th hole, hitting a 7-iron 195 yards — it was only supposed to go 188 yards — and

saving par from the bunker to win 2 and 1.

Woods never trailed the entire day. He played 112 holes over six rounds, the fewest among any winner in the five-year history of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

That didn't make it any easier.

Woods built a 4-up lead after the morning round, increased it to as many as five holes and then had to grind as hard as ever to claim his first match play title as a professional.

"This is the hardest to win," Woods said. "Yeah, it's physically grueling, but I think it's more mentally grueling because of the ebb and flow of match play. If we had to do this every week, every pro's playing career would be about 10 years."

Toms, a former PGA champion who squeezes everything from his game until it's time to stop playing, gave Woods a battle that no one expected.

Woods was relentless from the start, belting his drives long and straight to apply enormous pressure on Toms. Woods frequently drove the ball 25 yards past Toms, and his approach into 5 feet for birdie on No. 1 — the 19th hole of the match — put him 5 up.

"I'm not going to quit," Toms said. "That's not my nature. We're on national TV, and I wanted to last a long time. I didn't want to be embarrassed. When he got 5 up, I just had to dig deep and not give in."

Woods promptly hit into 8 feet for a birdie chance on the next hole, and it looked as though the rout was on.

Instead, Toms rolled in a birdie putt from 35 feet to win the hole, then won the next with a 10-foot birdie as Woods took three putts for par from 40 feet.

Woods must have figured the odds were stacked against him.

Trying to make a 15-foot birdie putt to win the fourth hole in the afternoon and regain momentum, he looked up after his putt and saw a bee land in front of the cup.

The ball rolled over the bee and hopped slightly, just enough to throw it off line. Woods settled for par, and spared the bee.

"I didn't kill it. I sure thought about it, though," he said. "I'm sure the animal rights society would have gotten on me."

It couldn't have done more harm than Woods wanted to inflict on himself. Having played 102 holes with only two bogeys, he promptly bogeyed two in a row.

The first was a 5-foot par putt that rimmed around the cup. The second was a 4-iron that sailed right of the ninth green (27th hole) into deep rough.

"Giving him those holes back-to-back like that with bogeys ... you just can't do that in match play," Woods said.

He should know.

Woods was the master of match play before turning pro, winning three straight U.S. Junior Amateur titles and three straight U.S. Amateurs.

He was 0-4 as a professional — stron-

ger fields have something to do with that — but he didn't forget the strategy, not to mention timing, that brought him so much success.

Having badly missed a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 11 — his lead down to 1 up — Woods realized his shoulders were not aligned properly. He hit a few practice putts, then faced a 12-foot birdie putt on the 13th hole.

"I said, 'You did the work two holes ago, go ahead and trust it.' And I poured it right in the middle," Woods said.

Another birdie by Toms on the 15th brought him within one hole, but he came up short on the par-3 16th and had to scramble for par, then lost any hope with a drive into rough and an approach shot that was buried in deep grass left of the green.

"When he plays good, he wins. We all know that," Toms said.

Woods won for the 36th time on the PGA Tour and earned \$1,050,000. He took two months off because of knee surgery, and in the three weeks Woods has been back he's won twice and tied for fifth.

He also became the first player to win all four World Golf Championships since their inception in 1999 — three times the NEC Invitational at Firestone, twice the American Express Championship and the 2000 World Cup with David Duval.

"They're all different in their own right," Woods said. "But I'm extremely happy to win this one. It's pretty cool."

Roush gets another Vegas victory

LAS VEGAS — Roush Racing was the big winner — and loser — at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Matt Kenseth put a Roush car in Victory Lane in the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 on Sunday, the fourth time in the track's six-year Winston Cup history that a Roush driver has won in the desert.

But fellow Roush driver Mark Martin finished last, hometown hero Kurt Busch was in a wreck and finished 38th, and rookie Greg Biffle didn't make the race.

Racing

"If I wasn't already schizophrenic, this would do it," car owner Jack Roush said. "I'm sure I won't be able to sleep."

A Roush car was favored all weekend to win on the 1.5-mile oval, but the oddsmakers predicted that Busch would take the checkered flag.

Yet it was Kenseth, who won a Winston Cup-best five races last season, who jumped out front and ran away with the race.

He got incredible help in the pits. His crew gave his Ford four tires in 13 sec-

onds on the final stop to jump out to a huge lead and beat Dale Earnhardt Jr. to the finish line by 9.104 seconds.

Dixon wins IRL debut in opener

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Scott Dixon surprised nearly everyone, including himself.

The 22-year-old New Zealander was the least talked about CART driver mak-

ing the switch to the Indy Racing League this season. He didn't have the name recognition of Michael Andretti or Dario Franchitti, and he didn't have the experience of Kenny Brack or Tony Kanaan.

He started the Toyota Indy 300 at Homestead-Miami Speedway behind all of them, hardly mentioned as someone expected to compete with Sam Hornish Jr., Helio Castroneves, Gil de Ferran and his fellow former CART drivers for the IRL championship.

Dixon beat them all Sunday, becoming the first driver in almost three years to win his IRL debut.

From The Associated Press

TRACK & FIELD

BOSTON — Stacy Dragila broke the world indoor record in the pole vault Sunday by clearing 15 feet, 8/4 inches at the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Dragila had already won the title at 14-5. She then cleared 15-1 as a warm-up before going for the record of 15-7/4 held by Russia's Svetlana Feofanova.

HOCKEY

IRVING, Texas — Dallas right wing Bill Guerin is expected to be out for the rest of the regular season and perhaps longer after having emergency surgery to relieve a buildup of blood in his severely bruised right thigh.

Guerin, second on the Stars with 25 goals and 50 points, was hurt Thursday when he collided with Ottawa defenseman Chris Phillips in the third period.

BASEBALL

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Right-hander Masao Kida, who signed a minor league contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers last month, was hospitalized after a traffic accident that critically injured his passenger, an interpreter with the team.

Kida was driving a vehicle that was hit head-on near Orlando late Saturday, Dodgers vice president Derrick

Sports in brief

Hall said, adding he was told alcohol was not involved and the other driver was at fault.

Hospitalized in Rockledge, the 34-year-old Kida had a bruised abdomen, liver and spleen, a fractured toe and an injured back.

Teppi Shiohara, the interpreter for Dodgers pitchers Hideo Nomo and Kazuhisa Ishii, was flown to Orlando after the accident and had surgery to remove his spleen and repair a torn bowel, Hall said.

GOLF

ADELAIDE, Australia — Former Duke star Joe Ogilvie won the Nationwide Tour's Jacob's Creek Open on Sunday, closing with a 1-over 72 to hold off Australia's Shane Tait by a stroke.

Ogilvie, who spent the last four years on the PGA Tour, had a 5-under 279 total on the Kooyonga course.

Tait finished with a 71. New Zealand's Mahal Pearce (66), Canada's David Morland (68) and Australia's Peter Senior (69) tied for third at 2-under 282.

TENNIS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Ai Sugiyama played four matches at the rain-delayed State Farm Women's Tennis Clas-

sic on Sunday, winning her semifinal match and then beating Kim Clijsters 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Sugiyama and Clijsters then turned around and won their doubles semifinal before beating Lindsay Davenport and Lisa Raymond, 6-1, 6-4 to end the night.

ACAPULCO, Mexico — Amanda Coetzer of South Africa won the Mexican Open for the second time in three years Sunday, overcoming Mariana Diaz-Oliva of Argentina 7-5, 6-3.

Coetzer, seeded second and ranked 23rd in the world, also won the tournament in 2001. She broke her opponent's serve in the first game of the second set to take control.

SOCCER

CARDIFF, Wales — Liverpool beat Manchester United 2-0 Sunday on goals by Michael Owen and Steven Gerrard to win the League Cup for a record seventh time.

Gerrard gave Liverpool the lead in the 39th minute with a 35-yard shot that was slightly deflected by David Beckham. Owen sealed victory with four minutes left, breaking down the right side on a counterattack and beating goalie Fabian Barthel.

Liverpool earned a berth in next season's UEFA Cup.

SPEEDSKATING

INZELL, Germany — Canada's Jeremy Wotherspoon broke the speedskating 500-meter outdoor world record in a World Cup event Sunday, finishing in 35.20 seconds.

Gerard van Velde of the Netherlands was second and Kip Carpenter of the United States came in third.

BIATHLON

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Jay Hakkinen and Denise Teela used perfect shooting to win sprint titles Sunday at the U.S. Biathlon Championships.

Hakkinen, of Kasilof, Alaska, went 10-for-10 in shooting and finished the 7.5-kilometer men's race in 20 minutes, 21.6 seconds.

SKELETON

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Brady Canfield, the bronze medalist at last month's World Championships, beat teammate Chris Soule to win the men's national skeleton championships by .57 seconds Sunday.

Canfield, of Red Lodge, Mont., finished in 55.37 in the first run, and Soule — the silver medalist at the worlds — finished next at 55.47.

Chris Hedquist finished third at 1:53.42, and Mike Cline was fourth at 1:53.51.

From The Associated Press

Redskins busiest buyer early in free agency

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — No team dived into the NFL free agency pool quicker or deeper than the Washington Redskins.

Three days into the signing period, the Redskins have added two starting guards, two defensive linemen, a kicker and a backup quarterback. Redskins owner Daniel Snyder has been known as a big spender, and he's reinforced that reputation this weekend.

Headed to Washington are guards Randy Thomas, late of the Jets, and Dave Fiore (49ers); DT Brandon Noble (Cowboys) and DE Regan Upshaw (Raiders); kicker John Hall (Jets); and QB Rob Johnson (Buccaneers).

Washington also acquired running back Trung Cani-date in a trade with St. Louis on Friday.

Thomas got the biggest deal, worth \$28 million for seven years, with a \$7 million signing bonus.

"That's what I like about that guy — he set the table," Thomas said.

He's set it nicely for coach Steve Spurrier, who went 7-9 in his first season as an NFL coach. And Spurrier has warned there might be more action in Washington.

Another NFC East team had a successful Sunday as the New York Giants agreed to terms with wide receiver Ike Hilliard. A source close to the team, who requested anonymity, said the receiver got a five-year,

\$12.5 million contract. The oft-injured Hilliard will get a \$2.5 million signing bonus and will be paid an annual salary of \$2.5 million.

Hilliard, who drew some interest from — surprise — the Redskins, suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in the seventh game on a late hit by Philadelphia Eagles safety Brian Dawkins.

St. Louis re-signed seven-time Pro Bowl cornerback Aeneas Williams, cut last week by the Rams, to a two-year deal.

"There's no better role model and leader for a young secondary than Aeneas," said Jay Zygmunt, the Rams' president of football operations. "This obviously was one of our big goals. We're really excited."

The Rams avoided paying a \$3.5 million roster bonus to the 35-year-old Williams, who missed much of the 2002 season with ankle and leg injuries.

Wayne Gandy, considered by many the best left tackle available, signed a six-year contract with New Orleans. By getting Gandy, who started every game since he joined the Steelers in 1999, the Saints cast further doubt on tackle Kyle Turley's future with the team.

"Whenever you get a chance to bring in a top-notch player you do it, and getting Wayne in here will make us better," Saints coach Jim Haslett said. "He brings a combination of athleticism, polished pass protection techniques and run-blocking strength."

Cornerback Ashley Ambrose, born and raised in New Orleans, left another NFC South team, the Atlanta Falcons, to join the Saints. He agreed to a

four-year, \$8 million contract that includes a \$1.5 million signing bonus.

Also Sunday, Cincinnati signed defensive lineman Carl Powell signed a two-year deal. Powell played for new Bengals coach Marvin Lewis last season when Lewis was Washington's defensive coordinator, with 31 tackles and three sacks in 14 games.

On Saturday, Miami re-signed fullback Rob Konrad for four years and \$4 million.

"Being a northeastern guy, part of me loves it up there and would sometimes like to play football up there," he said. "But this organization has been fantastic. I feel like we really have a chance to do something here."

Detroit signed cornerback Dre' Bly of the Rams to a five-year deal.

"We planned on being active and swift," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said. "In looking for the best corner available, certainly Dre' Bly fits that description. He was our No. 1 targeted guy in free agency."

Tight end Desmond Clark signed a six-year deal with the Chicago Bears. Clark played for the Dolphins last year.

The Bears also re-signed tight end John Davis and fullback Stanley Pritchett to one-year deals.

Offensive lineman Zach Wiegert left Jacksonville for the Houston Texans. The eight-year veteran hopefully will provide better pass protection for David Carr, who was sacked a league-record 76 times last season.

Houston also claimed linebacker Patrick Chukwurah off waivers from Minnesota.

Jazz 91, Nets 90

EAST RUTHELFORD, N.J. — Andrei Kirilenko tipped in John Stockton's airball just before the final buzzer sounded, giving Utah a 91-90 victory over New Jersey on Sunday.

Utah snapped a three-game losing streak and won for the eighth straight time on New Jersey's home court. The Nets haven't beaten the Jazz at the Meadowlands since 1994.

With Utah trailing 90-89 following Kenyon Martin's shot from the lane with 14.1 seconds left, Stockton dribbled the ball to the right baseline for a contested 14-footer over Martin. The shot was short, but Kirilenko got a hand on it and directed it in.

Karl Malone scored 20, DeShawn Stevenson added a career-high 18 and Kirilenko had 15 points. Kirilenko and Stockton each had four steals.

Martin scored 24 and Kerry Kittles had 21 for the Nets, who have lost four of their last five.

Magic 102, Cavaliers 76

CLEVELAND — Tracy McGrady scored 28 points and rookie Gordan Giricek made two three-pointers in Orlando's decisive third-quarter run, leading the Magic over Cleveland.

NBA

McGrady didn't have to play in the fourth quarter as the Magic improved to 4-1 since acquiring Giricek and fellow rookie Drew Gooden in a Feb. 19 trade with Memphis.

Giricek had 16 points and Gooden added 13 points and 14 rebounds for Orlando, which led 54-50 on Giricek's three-pointer — his first of two straight — with 10:27 left in the third.

Ricky Davis and rookie Dajuan Wagner had 14 points apiece as Cleveland lost for the eighth time in nine games.

Raptors 104, Celtics 92

TORONTO — Vince Carter had 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Antonio Davis scored 19 to lead five Raptors in double figures in Toronto's victory over Boston.

Boston's Antoine Walker had a season-high 38 points but was ejected after receiving two technical fouls in the last two minutes.

The Celtics were without Paul Pierce for the second straight game. Pierce, the NBA's fourth leading scorer, strained his lower back when he

slipped on ice about a week ago. The Celtics beat the visiting Raptors on Friday night without Pierce.

Davis had 14 points as Toronto turned a five-point halftime deficit into a 14-point lead by the end of the third quarter.

Toronto scored a season-high 38 points in the third.

Bucks 120, Hawks 93

MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell and Gary Payton combined for 52 points and 17 assists to lead Milwaukee over Atlanta.

Cassell finished with 28 points and seven assists before fouling out with 5:20 left. Payton added 24 points and 10 assists as Milwaukee stopped a three-game losing streak.

Milwaukee, which had lost seven of eight, also got 19 points from Michael Redd. Tim Thomas added 18 points and seven rebounds for the Bucks, who play 11 of the next 16 games on the road.

Atlanta's Glenn Robinson led Atlanta with 24 points, Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 22 points and 12 rebounds and

Jason Terry tallied 19 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Timberwolves 99, Knicks 90

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had 22 points, 16 rebounds and nine assists, and Wally Szczerbiak added 26 points and 11 rebounds as Minnesota won their seventh straight by beating the New York Knicks.

Garnett finished one assist short of a triple-double for the second straight game for the Wolves, who won their 17th straight at home.

Szczerbiak scored 16 points in the first half, as the Wolves broke the game open early by shooting 57 percent in the first half to New York's 24 percent. Minnesota led by as many as 29 points in the first half, outscoring New York 52-21 after the Knicks took their only lead of the game at 4-2.

Spurs 97, Rockets 88

HOUSTON — Emanuel Ginobili scored a career-high 20 points and led five San Antonio players in double figures as the Spurs held off Houston.

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No. 2 Kentucky 74, No. 21 Georgia 66

ATHENS, Ga. — Marquis Estill had 16 points for No. 2 Kentucky, which forced five straight turnovers during a game-deciding run to beat No. 21 Georgia 74-66 on Sunday for its 18th straight victory.

The Bulldogs were playing their first game without assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr., who was suspended Friday after a former player accused him of paying part of his expenses and committing academic fraud.

Chuck Hayes added 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Wildcats (24-3, 14-0 Southeastern Conference), who clinched a share of the Eastern Division title. They lead Florida by two games with two games left for each team, including a season-ending matchup in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday.

Ezra Williams had 17 for Georgia (17-8, 9-5), which had won four straight.

St. John's 72, No. 6 Duke 71

NEW YORK — Marcus Hatten capped a 29-point performance by making a free throw with no time left on the clock and St. John's snapped a four-game losing

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streak by holding No. 6 Duke scoreless over the final four minutes.

Hatten, a senior guard who leads St. John's in scoring at 21.5 points per game, had 16 of the Red Storm's last 22 points as they overcame an 11-point deficit over the last four minutes.

The biggest of those points was the free throw he made after he stole the ball near midcourt from Daniel Ewing and was fouled as he drove to the basket as the buzzer sounded.

The Red Storm (13-12), who had lost seven of nine overall and were 1-5 in their past six home games, trailed 71-60 with 4:05 left when Dahntay Jones of Duke (20-5), who had 23 points, made one free throw.

No. 8 Pittsburgh 71, Connecticut 67

PITTSBURGH — Julius Page scored 11 straight Pittsburgh points early in the second half, then sealed the game on a free throw with 5 seconds left as the eighth-ranked Panthers overcame another furious Connecticut first half.

Pitt led 67-60 with 2:43 remaining but didn't secure

the victory until Brandin Knight and Page each made a free throw. In between, UConn had the ball and a chance to tie, but Ben Gordon and Rashad Anderson each missed a three-pointer.

Pittsburgh (21-4, 11-3), tied Syracuse for the Big East West Division lead with two games to play, won for the fifth time in six games and stopped a six-game losing streak to the Huskies.

Connecticut (18-7, 9-5) led by as many as 13 points in a strong first half, but the Huskies were denied their 22nd victory in their past 34 games against a top-10 team.

No. 14 Maryland 68, N.C. State 65

RALEIGH, N.C. — Drew Nicholas hit a three-pointer with 1.5 seconds left to give coach Gary Williams his 500th career victory.

The Terrapins (19-7, 11-4) trailed by 11 with 8:51 left before going on a 21-7 run to close it out and move a half-game behind ACC-leading Wake Forest with a game left.

Maryland plays at Virginia on March 9. The Demon Deacons play North Carolina at home on Wednesday and then the Wolfpack here on Saturday.

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Red Wings 5, Coyotes 2

DETROIT — Pavel Datsyuk had two goals and two assists for a career-high four points as Detroit beat Phoenix 5-2 Sunday without captain Steve Yzerman.

The Red Wings won their eighth in nine games (8-0-1). Yzerman played his first two games of the season this week after being out since undergoing offseason knee surgery. Yzerman, expected to play Monday, was held out against Phoenix because the Red Wings don't want him to play on consecutive days.

Phoenix lost for just the second time in nine games (6-2-1).

Brett Hull added a goal and two assists, and Henrik Zetterberg had a goal and an assist as Datsyuk's line accounted for four goals. Nicklas Lidstrom also scored for the Red Wings and had an assist.

Teppo Numminen and Drake Berehowsky scored the Coyotes' goals.

Capitals 2, Hurricanes 0

WASHINGTON — Olaf Kolzig made 21 saves for his third shutout of the season and led Washington over reeling Carolina.

Jason Doig and Dainius Zubrus scored for the Capitals, who have won three of their past four games and regained possession of first place in the Southeast Division.

The Hurricanes have won only once in 16 games — a Feb. 12 victory over Washington — and are 1-10-3-2 during that span.

Carolina, last year's Eastern Conference champions, fell to 8-21-2-3 on the road and was shut out for the sixth time this season.

Kevin Weekes withstood six Washington power plays without surrendering a goal and finished with 27 saves.

Avalanche 2, Blackhawks 2 (OT)

CHICAGO — Alex Tanguay scored at 3:38 of overtime to lift Colorado over Chicago.

Colorado is 13-1-0-2 in its past 16 games.

Alex Zhamnov scored two goals for Chicago, tying the score each time.

Joe Sakic scored at 15:07 of the third period to give the Avalanche a 2-1 lead. David Aebischer stopped 39 shots, while Milan Hejduk scored a first-period, power-play goal for Colorado. Aebischer, Patrick Roy's backup, is 4-1 in his past five starts and 7-9 this season. Jocelyn Thibault made 26 saves and faced only two Colorado shots in the second period.

Thrashers 4, Mighty Ducks 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Vyacheslav Kozlov scored twice and Milan Hnilecka made 29 saves for his third victory of the season as Atlanta beat Anaheim.

Frantisek Kaberle also scored, and Kozlov and Lubos Bartekco got empty-net goals in the final minute, helping the Thrashers beat Anaheim for the second time in six meetings. The Thrashers earned their 22nd victory and only the seventh when second-year players Dany Heatley and Ilya Kovalchuk failed to score.

All of Hnilecka's victories have come on the road.

Ruslan Salei scored for the Ducks, who have been held to two goals or fewer in eight of nine games. It's the first time they have lost consecutive games since Jan. 3.

Stars 3, Penguins 1

DALLAS — Jason Arnott scored twice and Jere Lehtinen stretched his goal-scoring streak to four games as Dallas handed Pittsburgh its fifth consecutive loss.

Lehtinen scored midway through the first period, Arnott added a power-play goal later in the first, and Arnott fired into an empty net in the final minute for Dallas, 2-1-3-1 in its past seven.

Mario Lemieux's power-play goal with 1:48 remaining spoiled Ron Tugnutt's bid for his third shutout of the season. Lemieux played his first game in Dallas since Jan. 19, 2001.

The Stars were without right wing Bill Guerin, their second-leading scorer, who is expected to miss the rest of the regular season due to a severely bruised right thigh.

Tugnutt, in his ninth straight start, stopped 19 shots.

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The Spurs won for the 13th time in 14 games and improved their 2003 record to 22-4. Tim Duncan had 17 points, Tony Parker and Malik Rose each had 16, and David Robinson added 14 points.

The Spurs never trailed and they were up 87-70 with 6:04 to play when the Rockets pulled within 94-88 with 52 seconds left. Glen Rice scored 11 of his 19 points in the final 5:43.

Steve Francis led the Rockets with 21 points, and Yao Ming had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Trail Blazers 103, Pistons 86

PORTLAND, Ore. — Bonzi Wells scored a career-high 37 points as Portland handed Detroit their seventh straight loss.

Wells went on a tear in the third quarter, scoring 18 points to help the Blazers pull away and win their fourth straight. His previous career high was 35, set last season at Minnesota.

The Pistons finished their West Coast road trip 0-5. They hadn't lost seven straight since Dec. 16-28, 2001, a streak that also began with five straight losses in the West.

76ers 100, Nuggets 94

DENVER — Eric Snow scored 25

points and made seven free throws in the final minute as Philadelphia beat Denver to win their season-high ninth straight game.

Snow went 17-for-19 from the line, and the 76ers were 36-for-46 to move within three games of New Jersey for the Atlantic Division lead.

Allen Iverson scored 17 points, 10.2 below his average, before fouling out with 5:49 to play. He missed 11 of his 16 shots from the field.

Juwan Howard scored 25 points to lead the Nuggets, who lost their 12th straight.

Heat 93, Wizards 83

MIAMI — The Heat made nine consecutive shots in the second half and took advantage of a poor shooting night by Michael Jordan to beat Washington.

Jordan missed seven of his first eight attempts and finished 9-for-27, including two air balls. Playing with a wrap covering his right leg to protect a thigh bruise, he scored 21 points in 39 minutes.

Rookie Caron Butler led Miami with 20 points, and added nine rebounds and five assists. Brian Grant had 13 points and 14 rebounds. Jones scored 16 points despite his limited playing time.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 24 points for the Wizards, who were playing for the second night in succession.

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Scores/standings

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	38	22	.633	—
Philadelphia	34	24	.586	3
Boston	33	26	.559	4½
Orlando	30	30	.500	8
Washington	29	30	.492	8½
New York	25	34	.424	12½
Miami	20	39	.339	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	38	21	.644	—
Detroit	37	23	.617	1½
New Orleans	34	27	.557	5
Milwaukee	29	30	.492	9
Atlanta	22	38	.367	16½
Chicago	21	40	.344	18
Toronto	18	38	.321	18½
Cleveland	11	48	.186	27

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	45	14	.763	—
San Antonio	41	17	.707	3½
Minnesota	40	21	.656	6
Utah	34	25	.576	11
Houston	30	29	.508	15
Memphis	18	40	.310	26½
Denver	12	48	.200	33½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	41	19	.683	—
Portland	39	20	.661	1½
L.A. Lakers	32	26	.552	8
Phoenix	31	28	.525	9½
Golden State	29	30	.492	11½
Seattle	27	31	.466	13
L.A. Clippers	19	39	.328	21

Sunday's games

Orlando 102, Cleveland 76
Utah 91, New Jersey 90
Toronto 104, Boston 92
Milwaukee 120, Atlanta 93
Minnesota 99, New York 90
San Antonio 97, Houston 88
Miami 93, Washington 83
Portland 103, Detroit 86
Philadelphia 100, Denver 94

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Sunday

1. Arizona (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.
2. Kentucky (24-3) beat No. 21 Georgia 74-66. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Wednesday.
3. Oklahoma (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Tuesday.
4. Florida (24-4) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Georgia, Tuesday.
5. Texas (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Tuesday.
6. Duke (20-5) lost to St. John's 72-71. Next: vs. Florida State, Thursday.
7. Kansas (22-6) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Monday.
8. Pittsburgh (21-4) beat Connecticut 71-67. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday.
9. Notre Dame (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Syracuse, Tuesday.
10. Marquette (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.
11. Louisville (20-5) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Wednesday.
12. Wake Forest (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Wednesday.
13. Xavier (22-4) did not play. Next: at Saint Joseph's, Wednesday.

14. Maryland (19-7) beat North Carolina State 68-65. Next: at Virginia, Sunday.

15. Syracuse (21-4) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Notre Dame, Tuesday.

16. Oklahoma State (20-7) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Wednesday.

17. Creighton (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Wichita State, Monday.

18. Illinois (20-5) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Wednesday.

19. Stanford (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 California, Saturday.

20. Mississippi State (18-7) did not play. Next: at Tennessee, Wednesday.

21. Georgia (17-8) lost to No. 2 Kentucky 74-66. Next: vs. No. 4 Florida, Tuesday.

22. Utah (21-5) did not play. Next: at Air Force, Monday.

23. California (20-6) beat Arizona State 80-72. Next: at No. 19 Stanford, Saturday.

24. Memphis (20-5) did not play. Next: at Houston, Thursday.

25. Dayton (21-5) did not play. Next: at St. Bonaventure, Saturday.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	16	6	4	86	168	130
Philadelphia	34	17	11	2	81	153	133
N.Y. Islanders	30	24	8	2	70	176	176
N.Y. Rangers	27	31	8	2	64	180	203
Pittsburgh	25	32	4	5	59	165	198

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	40	18	7	1	88	207	145
Toronto	37	23	4	1	79	193	163
Boston	28	25	8	3	67	186	182
Montreal	24	27	8	7	63	166	193
Buffalo	19	31	8	6	52	142	172

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	31	25	7	4	73	183	176
Tampa Bay	28	22	10	5	71	176	175
Florida	19	25	12	9	59	152	192
Atlanta	22	33	5	4	53	169	228
Carolina	18	33	9	6	51	135	189

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Central Division

	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	35	17	9	3	82	203	161
St. Louis	33	18	8	6	80	204	167
Nashville	26	25	9	4	65	160	160
Chicago	24	27	10	5	63	156	165
Columbus	23	32	7	2	55	166	204

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	38	17	10	0	86	205	160
Colorado	32	15	11	7	82	193	159
Minnesota	32	23	8	1	73	155	139
Edmonton	26	23	8	8	68	174	184
Calgary	20	31	10	4	54	144	189

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	36	13	15	2	89	199	134
Anaheim	30	24	8	4	72	158	160
Los Angeles	28	29	4	4	64	171	179
Phoenix	25	27	8	4	62	162	173
San Jose	24	29	6	5	59	175	187

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Sunday's games

Detroit 5, Phoenix 2
Washington 2, Carolina 0
Colorado 3, Chicago 2, OT
Atlanta 4, Anaheim 1
Dallas 3, Pittsburgh 1

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Tahj Holden led Maryland, which has beaten the Wolfpack nine of the past 10 meetings in Raleigh, with 20 points. Nicholas added 17.

Scooter Sherrill led N.C. State (15-10, 8-6) with 14 points.

No. 23 California 80, Arizona St 72

BERKELEY, Calif. — Joe Shipp scored 21 points and Amit Tamir and Brian Wethers added 20 each to lead No. 23 California.

Shipp, the leading scorer in the Pac-10, made three straight baskets early in the second half to keep the Golden Bears in the game, and hit another key hoop with 5:32 left for a 69-63 lead.

Tamir made all five of his three-pointers and was 5-for-8 from the field, and Wethers hit a big three with 1:04 left.

Cal (20-6, 13-4) won its 13th conference game — the most victories for the school in Pac-10 play since finishing 13-5 and in second place in the 1993-94 season.

Curtis Millage had 20 points for Arizona State (17-10, 9-7).

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